

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A system for holding poured material in a desired shape until the concrete sets, the system comprising:

a plurality of forms, each said form having a panel with a first end and a second end, a first end bracket mounted to said first end, and [two]a second end bracket[s] mounted to said second end], one attached to each of said first end and said second end], each of said first end bracket and said second end bracket having a tubular portion extending from, respectively, said first end and said second end and having [with] a hole therethrough, said tubular portion of said first end bracket extending from a top surface of said panel towards a bottom surface, while said tubular portion of said second end bracket extends from said bottom surface towards said top surface;

a plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with said plurality of forms, one stake of said plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with two adjacently positioned forms of said plurality of forms when said hole of said first end bracket of one form of said plurality of forms aligns with said hole of said second end bracket of another[two adjacent] form[s] of said plurality of forms [aligns one with another];

at least one bracket secured to a top of one or more of said forms to maintain a spacing between spaced apart and parallel forms of said plurality of forms.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising at least one [end member]bulkhead form, said [end member]bulkhead form being disposed between two forms of said plurality of forms, said two forms being [that are] spaced apart one from another, said at least one [end member]bulkhead form maintaining a spacing between said two forms.

13. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising at least one [end member]bulkhead form disposed between two of said plurality of forms, said at least one [end member]bulkhead form comprising:

a bulkhead panel comprising a first end, a second end, and a first surface and a second surface extending between said first end and said second end; and

two bulkhead brackets mounted to said bulkhead panel, a first bulkhead bracket mounted to said first end and a second bulkhead bracket mounted to said second end, each said bulkhead bracket comprising a main body having a first flange extending from said [panel]main body and a second flange extending from said [panel]main body, said first flange and said second flange being spaced apart to receive one of said plurality of forms, [being disposed] between said first flange and said second flange.

14. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 13, wherein said first flange and said second flange each further comprise a hole, said hole receiving one of said plurality of stakes to prevent movement of said at least one [end member]bulkhead form relative to said plurality of said forms.

15. (Original) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein at least two forms of said plurality of forms are separated one from another, with a gap therebetween.

16. (Original) The system as recited in claim 15, further comprising at least one skin panel, said at least one skin panel bridging said gap between said at least two forms of said plurality of forms.

17. (Original) The system as recited in claim 16, wherein said at least one skin panel comprises a first portion separated from a second portion by an intermediate portion, said first portion and said second portion extending from said intermediate portion in the same direction and forming a channel that receives a portion of said at least two forms.

18. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 17 [16], wherein said first portion and said second portion have the same length.

19. (Original) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein said intermediate portion further comprises a plurality of holes, said holes being complementary to said hole in said end bracket.

20. (Original) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein one of said plurality of stakes passes through at least one of said plurality of holes in said intermediate portion and said hole in said end bracket, said stake being driven into a portion of ground to secure said system in place.

21. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising a pair of vertical panels [that hold the material in the shape against an inclined surface], each said vertical panel being fixed on a top surface of said at least one of said plurality of forms.

22. (Original) The system as recited in claim 21, wherein each said vertical panel further comprises a mounting member that prevents vertical movement of said vertical panel relative to at least one of said plurality of forms.

23-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A system for holding poured material in a desired shape until the concrete sets, the system comprising:

a plurality of forms, each said form having a panel with a first end, a second end, and a first surface and a second surface extending between said first end and said second end, and two end brackets, a first end bracket[one] attached to [each of]said first end and a second end bracket attached to said second end, each of said first end bracket and said second end bracket comprising a flange mounted to said panel and a tubular portion extending from said flange, said tubular portion of said first end bracket extending from said first surface toward said second surface and terminating distal to said second surface and said tubular portion of said second end bracket extending from said second surface toward said first surface;

a plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with said plurality of forms, one stake of said plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with two adjacently positioned forms of said plurality of forms when said hole of said first end bracket of one form of said plurality of forms aligns with said hole of said second end bracket of another[two adjacent] form[s] of said plurality of forms [aligns one with another]; and

at least one bracket secured to a top of one or more of said forms to maintain a spacing between spaced apart and parallel forms of said plurality of forms.

33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 32, further comprising at least one bulkhead form mountable between two of said plurality of forms that are spaced apart one from another, said at least one bulkhead [member]form maintaining a spacing between said two forms.

34. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 33, wherein said at least one bulkhead form comprises:

a panel comprising a first panel end, a second panel end, and a first panel surface and a second panel surface extending between said first panel end and said second panel end; and

two bulkhead brackets mounted to said panel, each said bulkhead bracket comprising a first flange extending from said panel and a second flange extending from said panel, one of said plurality of forms being disposed between said first flange and said second flange.

35. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 34, wherein said first flange and said second flange each further comprise a hole, said hole receiving one of said plurality of stakes to prevent movement of said at least one bulkhead bracket relative to said plurality of forms.

36. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 32, further comprising at least one skin panel mounted between two spaced apart forms of said plurality of forms.

37. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 36, wherein said at least one skin panel comprises a first portion separated from a second portion by an intermediate portion, said first portion and said second portion extending from said intermediate portion in the same direction and forming a channel that receives a portion of said at least two forms.

38. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 32, wherein said panel is fabricated from a material selected from a group consisting of a natural material, a synthetic material, a metallic material, a composite material, or a metallic alloy.

39. (Currently Amended) A system for holding poured material in a desired shape until the concrete sets, the system comprising:

a plurality of forms, each said form having a panel with a first end and a second end and a first end bracket mounted to the first end and a second end bracket mounted to the second end, each said end bracket comprising a flange mounted to said panel and a stake receiving portion, said stake receiving portion of said first end bracket extending from a top portion of said panel toward a bottom portion and said stake receiving portion of said second end bracket extending from said bottom portion toward said top portion;

a plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with said plurality of forms, one stake of said plurality of stakes slidably cooperating with two adjacently positioned forms of said plurality of forms when said hole of said first end bracket of one form of said plurality of forms aligns with said hole of said second end bracket of another[two adjacent] form[s] of said plurality of forms [aligns one with another];

at least one bracket secured to a top of one or more of said forms to maintain a spacing between spaced apart and parallel forms of said plurality of forms; and

at least one bulkhead form mounted to two spaced apart forms of said plurality of forms.

40. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 39, further comprising at least one skin panel mountable to two of said plurality of forms.

41. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 40, wherein said at least one skin panel comprises a first portion separated from a second portion by an intermediate portion, said first portion and said second portion extending from said intermediate portion in the same direction and forming a channel that receives a portion of said at least two forms.

42. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 40, wherein said first portion and said second portion have the same length.

43. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 42, wherein said intermediate portion further comprises a plurality of stake receiving holes.

44. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 43, wherein one of said plurality of stakes passes through at least one of said plurality of holes in said intermediate portion and said hole in said end bracket, said stake being driven into a portion of ground to secure said system in place.

45. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 39, further comprising a pair of vertical panels [that hold the material in the shape against an inclined surface], each said vertical panel being fixed on a top surface of said at least one of said plurality of forms.

46. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 45, wherein each said vertical panel further comprises a mounting member that prevents vertical movement of said vertical panel relative to at least one of said plurality of forms.